UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JEREMY ZIELINSKI, TRAVIS HUDSON, BRUCE MOSES, OSCAR NUNEZ, JEAN MARC DESMARAT, AND DAVID HAIGH, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

New York Department of Corrections and Community Supervision; Acting Commissioner Daniel F. Martuscello III, in his official capacity; Superintendent David Howard, in his official capacity; and Deputy Superintendent for Program Services Danielle Glebocki, in her official capacity

Defendants.

No. 9:24-cv-450 (GTS/CFH)

REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF

PLAINTIFFS' EMERGENCY MOTION FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF
UNDER FED. R. CIV. P. 65

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 65 and 23, Plaintiffs move on behalf of themselves and all

others similarly situated for immediate injunctive relief under Religious Land Use And

Institutionalized Persons Act ("RLUIPA") and 42 U.S.C. § 1983, to enjoin the New York

Department of Corrections and Community Supervision ("DOCCS") from enforcing its March 11,

2024 Lockdown Memo. Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court grant this Motion and enter

immediate injunctive relief under Fed. R. Civ. P. 65, ordering DOCCS to (A) rescind its Lockdown

Memo; (B) inform all persons within its control that the Lockdown Memo has been rescinded and

that they may congregate and view the eclipse if they articulate sincerely held religious beliefs that

observing the eclipse is a part of practicing their religion; (C) allow Plaintiffs and others similarly

situated to congregate and observe the eclipse; and (D) provide eclipse glasses to those who are

viewing the eclipse, for the limited time in which the eclipse is scheduled to occur at their

respective facilities.

Dated: March 29, 2024

New York, New York

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Certificate of Service

I, Madeline E. Byrd, hereby certify that on Friday, March 29, 2024, counsel for Plaintiffs caused this motion to be served on the DOCCS Office of Counsel.

/s/ Ma	adeline E. Byrd	
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Certificate of Conference

I, Madeline E. Byrd, hereby certify that counsel for Plaintiffs called the DOCCS Office of Counsel on Thursday, March 28, 2024 to inform the agency that Plaintiffs would be filing the Complaint and Emergency Motion for Injunctive Relief on Friday, March 29, 2024. The phone operator at DOCCS requested counsel to email the notice. Counsel for Plaintiffs sent the email on Thursday, March 28, 2024 and, as of 11:41 am on March 29, 2024, has not heard back.

/s/ Madeline E. Byrd

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